Surveillance Unit with technical help extended by NICD, Delhi, at Rohru.

For making prompt reliable diagnosis of the disease, a state of the art laboratory, meeting all safety and diagnostic criteria of the World Health Organisation (WHO) is an existence at NICD, Delhi.

Decline in Sex Ratio

1134. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) where there has been a steady fall in female to male ratio in the country despite having longer life span with the availability of nutrition, health and medical services being the same for both; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The sex ratio (number of female per 1000 male) declined in India from 972 in 1901 to 927 in 1991. However, the sex ratio has since improved to 933 in 2001.

Availability of Banned Drugs in the country

1135. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many drugs that are banned in several countries are freely available in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Monthly Index of Medical Specialists, India recently published a list of 11 globally banned drugs that can be bought over the counter at most chemists in the country;

(c) whether visits to chemists revealed that most of these drugs are available without a prescription;

(d) if so, whether these drugs were banned for causing cancer;